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Unfortunately, many have come to believe that miracles no longer take place. That God has changed over the years. So much so that praying or hoping for a miracle has become nothing more than wishful thinking.

Let's look at what God's word has to say. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." In other words, Jesus is the same today as He was in the past. Therefore, if His power remains the same, then the same miracles he did in the past, He can do today.

There are thousands of people here at the Universal Church who, through the power of faith and by making a Chain of Prayer, have seen miracles take place in their lives. The same God who made the impossible possible in the past continues to work miracles every day in the lives of people who dare to use intelligent faith. Those who act in faith and believe God will fulfill His word.

Whether you need a miracle in your family, health, finances, love life, or spiritual life, visit a Universal Church near you today and begin a Chain of Prayer. You can be the next to experience a miracle in your life.

| BEATING DEPRESSION |

Depression is an illness of the soul that you can only cure through the power of Faith. Who, other than the Savior of Souls, can heal the soul? What medicine can be used to cure that which is spiritual?

Every Friday, at every Universal Church, we have a service for spiritual cleansing against depression. Make a Chain of Prayer by attending the prayer meeting for seven consecutive weeks. You will receive practical advice as well as spiritual help through the power of prayers to overcome depression. We have thousands of testimonials worldwide that prove a Chain of Prayer works.

Just because you may be struggling right now, it doesn't mean the only option left is ending it all. You CAN have a new beginning. You, too, can defeat depression.

YOU CAN BEAT DEPRESSION

YOUR STORY ISN'T OVER!

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Bishop Edir Macedo



FAITH IS RESPONSIBLE

Why do some achieve more, others less, and others nothing if the God they seek is the same? "Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well..." Mark 10:52. It was Jesus' answer to all who achieved the miracle they dearly sought.

It is noticeable that Jesus was not the One who healed them, but the faith they manifested was responsible for their healing. If Jesus were responsible for the healing and salvation of all, everyone, without exception, would be healed and saved. However, since faith heals and saves, only those who manifested their faith were healed and saved. Also, why did some receive, and others did not? It was because some displayed their faith and others did not. The same is true today; that was how it happened and will continue to happen.

The Lord Jesus wanted to make it very clear that we depend exclusively on the faith we manifest to receive what we want. The fact that you are a good person or that God exists is not enough to receive His miracles. We know that if we do good, we reap good fruits and that it is God who grants these miracles, but only by faith can we conquer the things we need. Faith is the exchange currency, the price to be paid in order to take possession of the things we want from God.

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God they seek but in the faith they manifest. Those who conquer more manifest more faith. Those who achieve less manifest less faith. Those who achieve nothing manifest no faith. What differentiates one kind of faith from the other is not its size but how often it has been exercised and manifested.

Your blessing does not depend on God or any third party. If it were up to God, He would have already granted it from the beginning. If it depended on third parties, you would never achieve anything. Your blessing depends on you and the faith you manifest.

Faith, just like salvation, is individual and non-transferable. Not even God can do your part. For this reason, it is useless to lean on the mercy of God and wait for something to fall from the sky. Much less to depend on the faith of others. Go in your faith so that you may reap the fruits of whatever you have the faith to plant and reach wherever you believe you can. Now go because YOUR faith will save you.

The shackles of addiction bound Phethile's life for 21 years when she became dependent on the drug dagga and could not carry out her daily duties without first smoking. But everything changed when she came to the Universal Church. Please continue reading to see her story.



FREED FROM THE SHACKLES OF ADDICTION

"I grew up in a family where both parents were present. My brothers used to smoke, and I also developed the urge to smoke.

At the age of 18, I made friends with the wrong crowd. They smoked and influenced me to smoke as well. I became addicted to dagga and would smoke every day: morning and night. I stole money from friends and family

Eventually, my relationship with my family was entirely ruined because they did not feel safe around me. I felt rejected and unloved by them. I once stole money from my friend. When she found out, she was upset with me. Everyone in my neighborhood found out and gossiped about me.

I wanted to commit suicide because I felt ashamed of myself. It wasn't very comfortable to face people. I mixed two packets of rat poison with alcohol and drank it, but I did not die. I also drank 35 tablets and still did not die

My neighbor invited me to attend the services in the Universal Church. I decided to make a chain of prayer on Fridays for my deliverance. After two months, using my faith and applying what I learned, I was completely free from my dagga addiction.

People started seeing the changes in me, and they were shocked. I am no longer suicidal. I have a good relationship with my family and live a peaceful and prosperous life. My life now serves as a testimony to other people that, with God, nothing is impossible.

- Phethile

MIRACLES EXIST

SHE WAS HEALED FROM A BACTERIA IN HER FOOT.



In 2017 I went to a podologist (a professional who studies and takes care of foot health) to cut my nails correctly and prevent them from getting stuck. During the procedure, the podologist cut my toenail too much. Two days later, my big toe was swollen and hurting. So I went to the hospital and was diagnosed with bacteria in my foot. Even though I was taking antibiotics to eliminate the bacteria, it kept getting worse. I went through

two surgeries to amputate three affected toes. The doctors warned me, saying the bacteria could spread to my leg. For the next five months, I used a wheelchair to go to the restroom. Every Sunday, I would be in the service making the Chain of Prayer using the Divine Water and washing my feet, believing in my healing. Some days later, I wasn't using the wheelchair anymore.

The wound healed completely, and the bacteria disappeared. Even the doctors told me that what happened to me was a miracle.

-Maria



FREE FROM SLEEP APNEA!

I was diagnosed with sleep apnea, a potentially serious sleep disorder in which breathing repeatedly stops and starts. When the doctor explained the effects of this disease, I started to attend the Sunday service, so I began to drink the Divine Water from the Spiritual Treatment and kept praying for my healing. After that, I stayed in the hospital for one night to see how the sleep apnea was progressing. I kept using my faith, and a week later, the results showed I had no sleep apnea. I am free. -Mary, NJ



THE CYST NEVER APPEARED AGAIN!

I had severe swelling under my eye. When I went to the doctor, they discovered a cyst causing this problem. So they gave me some medications, and it went away, but after some time, it came back. I was unable to sleep because it was excruciating. It was challenging for me to work and do my things at home. When I went to the Universal Church, I received the Divine Water. I used the Water with faith; I drank it and washed my eyes every day for one week. After that, I was healed.

-Barbara, NY



Learn to apply your faith in order to face your challenges!

GET YOUR DIVINE WATER EVERY SUNDAY

at your nearest Universal Church



|Message|

BISHOP JOSHUA

DON'T PANIC



Did you ever lose your mom or dad while in a store when you were a child? Do you remember the panic and fear that you felt? Perhaps, thankfully, you didn't, but you can imagine a child's terror when they think they are left alone in the world.

That may be the feeling you have when you think about your life. Problems and difficulties are all around you, but it seems you are all alone, abandoned, and forgotten. Do not be discouraged because when someone has God on their side, they are never alone.

Do not be afraid, and do not panic before them. For the Lord, your God will personally go ahead of you. He

will neither fail you nor abandon you." Deuteronomy 31:8

Maybe you have been afraid, living in a constant state of panic, because it seems that nothing changes no matter what you try. Time and time again, friends, family, and the people you trust haven't been able to give you the answers you are searching for.

Turn to God.

The verse encourages you not to be afraid because God will personally go before you when you ask Him for help. He won't fail you; He won't abandon you. When you trust in Him, He takes it very seriously. Turn to God; He won't turn you away.

May the God of the Bible Bless you!

SINKING IN DEBTS

I suffered a lot financially. The more I worked, the more debts I had, and no matter how much I tried, I couldn't make ends meet. Even though I was working, the money I received was never enough to support my family.

The worst moment of my life was when my son got sick, and I didn't have money to take him to the doctor or get medication. The situation was getting worse and more difficult to the point that there was no food in the house, and I had no choice but to continue borrowing. It made me so angry and frustrated, know-

ing that despite having a degree, I could not even afford the bus fare, so I had to walk. As if this was not enough, there came a time when my wife lost her job, and we suffered even more.

When I heard about the Universal Church and the miracles there, I decided to go and see for myself. I met people who had managed to change their lives through the power of faith and people who received miracles in their health and finances. Tired of so many problems and frustrations, I decided to

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."
Psalm 119:105 GW

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TURN AROUND

Bible Reading

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Genesis 1	2 Jeremiah 18	3 Psalms 25	4 1 Corinthians 11
5 Isaiah 49	6 Proverbs 14	7 Exodus 13	8 John 15	9 Romans 12	10 Daniel 6	11 Job 1
12 Joel 2	13 Haggai 2	14 Matthew 23	15 2 Corinthians 6	16 Nehemiah 4	17 James 1	18 Hebrews 12
19 Ezekiel 33	20 Numbers 16	21 Leviticus 10	22 Mark 9	23 Deuteronomy 26	24 Acts 2	25 Philippians 2
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make a vow of faith. As I participated in the meetings, I learned from the Word of God what to do to change my financial situation. I made a pact with God and started to put into practice what I was learning.

From that moment on, things started to change in my life. I got an idea and was allowed to open my own business. As I continued to be faithful to God, sales began to grow and have not stopped until now. Today, if my children need something, I can buy it for them. I even have enough to enjoy with my family and give them the best; this was only possible because I decided to follow God's direction. Before, even with a degree, I was walking blindly and couldn't find my way out, but with God, everything is possible. He is the One who guides my every step, and I paid off all my debts now.

-Jesus Fernando Morales

ARE YOU FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP?

Many people who suffered from economic hardship lost their businesses or source of income but ultimately changed their situation when they gave a chance to the Lord and made a partnership with Him.

And that can be your story: maybe you no longer know what to do to make money work for you, to make sound financial decisions, or for your paths to prosper in every way. It's time to test God, and it's time to decide to make God your partner. Join us every Monday for prayers for your finances and allow God to give you the direction that you need.



Lisa: "After coming to the Universal Church, John also started to attend, and we managed to resolve most of our problems. We even got married. But after three months, we started to have problems again, and things just went downhill."

John: "My addiction took control of my life, so much so that everything I did was only to satisfy my addiction."

Lisa: "The worst moment for me was when I saw that John didn't care, and I couldn't understand. Of course, I knew there was an addiction; I understood where that came from, and it was what was causing him to behave in that way. Still, it didn't eradicate the fact that he was hurting his family. I couldn't cope with the situation, so we ended up divorcing."

When Natalia, our daughter, was about seven years old, she knew things were not right with her dad. She knew that we were not a family, and there were times when she wanted her dad. He used to tell her he would be there to pick her up to spend time together, but then he wouldn't turn up. It really affected her because they had a very close relationship; although he wasn't around, she missed her dad."

John: "I felt awful for my daughter. I would promise her that the following week would be different and I would be on time, but I was so involved in my world that I would fall asleep, forget, and it just wouldn't happen."

Lisa: "I attended Love Therapy and participated in a few purposes of faith for my love life. I wanted to have a complete family. I never envisioned John as my potential future partner because I was determined never to return to him once I divorced him. I would claim the right to have the promise of God fulfilled in my life. He said that two are better than one, so I wanted Him to help me make the right choices."

I had to change many things. I was very demanding with God regarding what I wanted and how I wanted the blessings to come, but God showed me that it was not my will but His. I had to be ready to let go of my conceptions of how the blessings should come to my



When Lisa and John started attending the Universal Church, they had relationship problems and eventually separated. Now that they are together again: they refuse to let anything tear them apart.

“TOGETHER AGAIN: WE REFUSED TO LET ANYTHING TEAR US APART”



life. Was I prepared to trust?

Trusting was difficult for me. As a lone parent, you depend on no one but yourself. You want God to understand your situation, so, for a while, I was asking like a victim, feeling sorry for myself, and that can lead you to do less than what God is requesting from you. I would often say: "God knows my needs" until I decided to let go of everything and allow God to work in my life."

John: "I eventually hit rock bottom. I had an overdose, and I was rushed immediately to a hospital. After that, I started suffering from anxiety disorder and panic attacks. I had to come to terms with myself and make a decision once and for all because my life was a mess. I started attending the meetings because I was desperate. I knew that the UCKG would

help me because they had before. It just depended on me deciding to follow what they taught there. I made a chain of prayer and learned how to use my faith. I eventually left everything behind – the drugs, nightlife, and everything I knew I was doing wrong."

Lisa: "John would often be on my mind, so I would ask God to help me because he was not what I wanted."

Today, I am happy because I was able to erase all the hurt and disappointments from the past. We are a family again; The changes are unbelievable, and John is completely different. There is no resentment from the past. It's so different from before; our lives have been completely transformed."

John: "I always wanted to return to my family and live with my daughter again. I never stopped loving them. I was so distracted and blind, but now I'm completely in love with Lisa; I never felt like that before."

Lisa: "I am delighted now, and I love John very much. I see him as a gift from God."

Natalia: "They were holding hands and walking together. They are together now – that is all I have ever wanted."

- John and Lisa Zapata

JOIN US

THE LOVE THERAPY

You are invited to come and learn how to be successful in love and create a happy family. The Love Therapy is open to all regardless of your current situation: single, dating, married, divorced, or widowed. Successful marriages and families don't just happen; They are created.

THE LOVE THERAPY

THURSDAYS AT 7 PM

AT YOUR LOCAL UNIVERSAL CHURCH. TIMES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION



DO YOU BELIEVE IN
MIRACLES?

For centuries, leprosy was highly contagious and considered a divine punishment or a sinister disease. The patient was forced to live in reclusion and condemned to die alone. But a leper showed extraordinary courage when he saw the Lord Jesus. He approached with faith and said: "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." (Luke 5.12). Jesus soon did what no one else could do: He listened to him, stretched out His hand, touched him and healed him.

The Holy Bible is filled with reliable accounts describing countless miracles. However, when we closed the Bible, these miracles did not cease. They continue to happen successively through sincere, practical, and bold faith. "God is a God who heals. He did it in the past and today and always will because he doesn't change."

The miracles produced through faith arise in the face of problems, including those related to the cure of illnesses. Intelligent faith recognizes the role of medicine, which God inspires to heal, save and create vaccines and treatments. Still, medicine also has limits, and the power of faith begins at the limit of medicine.

Whatever the miracle, the common denominator among them is this expressed faith in God through the Name of the Lord Jesus, which makes the impossible become possible. He is the only one with the power to accept the rejected, heal the incurable and turn hopeless cases into testimonies.

"IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE I HAD TO SLEEP WITH A KNIFE UNDER MY PILLOW..."

Anayara had several internal conflicts and negative thoughts. From 3 to 10, she was abused by her stepfather. This violence triggered depression. Her inner pain was so great that she began looking for ways to overcome the trauma and fill her void.

Anayara's mother took her to the doctor, who confirmed the abuse she suffered. She said that the abuser had been her stepfather. Her mother was very shaken. Afraid, she went to sleep with a knife under her pillow, looking for an opportunity to kill him. Anayara received a newspaper from the Universal Church and became interested in the deliverance services. She and her mother began to participate.

With the teachings received, she realized she would have a chance to change and put what she learned into practice.

However, at age 15, she suffered a new attempt at sexual abuse by her stepfather. A few months later, her mother was diagnosed with cancer and soon passed away. "The loss of my mother left me very stunned. Everything for me began to lose meaning, to the point where I no longer believed in God," she recalls. She got involved with bad friends, started going to clubs, and got involved with a boy who only mistreated her.

All that suffering made her seek support from different religions. Still, nothing could free her from that physical and emotional torment. Things only got worse



until she found out she had leukemia.

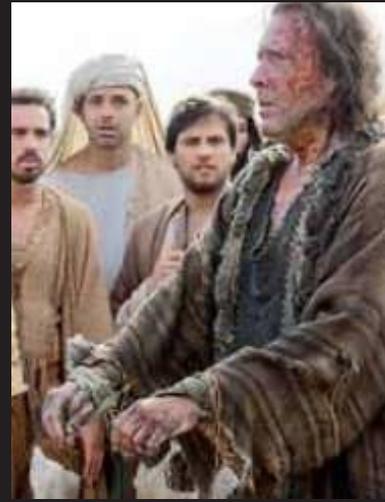
Amid so many problems, Anayara remembered what she had learned at the Universal Church and decided to return.

"I was tired of that life. I was determined to change and follow what the men of God said. I got rid of everything I had in the world. It wasn't easy, but I persevered and continued searching for my deliverance", she recalls.

After attending Universal for a while, she was cured of leukemia, and her life was transformed. Her inner being was renewed. She had no more anguish or afflictions. Her financial life began to change with the conquest of her own company.

Today, she is married and **has a structured and happy family.** "My greatest achievement is the peace I have. Today I can transmit harmony to my daughters and husband," says Anayara.

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?



"I WAS TOLD I ONLY HAD TEN DAYS TO LIVE..."

Discovering cancer at 55 was one of the most challenging times that Jurandir has gone through. The disease was found after he had severe neck pain for a few days. He noticed a swelling in the region, went to the hospital, and a lump was detected in his throat. At first, he thought it was mumps, but he soon realized it was more serious: "I had a fever, I couldn't eat, and I was fragile. I went back to the hospital for more tests. After doing a biopsy, the medical diagnosis was non-Hodgkin's lymphoma."

Jurandir was admitted to a non-specialized hospital for treatment and stayed there only to take medication and try to relieve some of the pain he was feeling. Every day he was given high doses of morphine. The doctor explained that the cancer was so aggressive that it had already affected his chest, lungs, and heart. "I was very exposed in the hospital. The doctors warned me of the serious risk of contracting some bacteria or nosocomial infection, so they sent me home. However, I couldn't stand the pain, my wife took me back to the hospital, and they hospitalized me for three months", he recalls.

He was hospitalized, underwent chemotherapy, and ingested strong medications, but he did not let his faith be shaken. "I was there, depending on the doctors, but I knew my miracle would come from God. During so many difficulties and pain, I stood firm on the Rock. I thought I had already gone through the worst until the doctor sentenced me to death and gave me ten days to live".

During all the time that Jurandir was fighting cancer, his wife, Elisa, was by his side and gave him all emotional and spiritual support. She describes how she behaved: "We were in the same Faith, praying, seeking and asking God for a miracle. When the Campaign of Israel arrived, I saw the opportunity to move the heavens".

Both have been Universal Church assistants since 1990 and knew exactly how to act. Elisa cried out to God for Jurandir's life in the cold early mornings in that hospital and made resolutions for his life. When he arrived at the church, the two acted in faith. "I said to my wife: 'We'll give ourselves completely to the Altar, and I'll be healed!' It didn't matter what I had to do. I was willing to sacrifice," she says.

Jurandir claims he saw people with the same disease as him dying beside him in the hospital. Many situations and circumstances showed that it was impossible to win. Still, he was sure that God had accepted his sacrifice. "My wife walked up the Altar on December 28, 2016, and on the same day, God placed within me the certainty that I would be healed. I knew He would never forsake me," he points out.

A week after his surrender to the Altar, he was transferred to a reference hospital to receive the necessary treatment and care. "When I was transferred to this hospital, I saw the first sign that God was taking care of me in every detail," he points out.



Two days later, new tests confirmed his cure, as there were no more traces of cancer in his body. "The doctors didn't believe me and conducted several tests to ensure they could discharge me. I exclaimed, 'The Lord has healed me!' The doctor was speechless because the sacrifice spoke for me," he says.

Despite being healthy, Jurandir stayed another month in the hospital under observation. Today, he continues with his blessed life. **"God not only healed me, but He also gave me a bakery and brought my wife and me closer together. The struggles brought us closer together, and today I am healthier than I have been in my entire life. Today I know that the Altar of God owes nothing to anyone."**

CHANGE YOUR MIND, CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

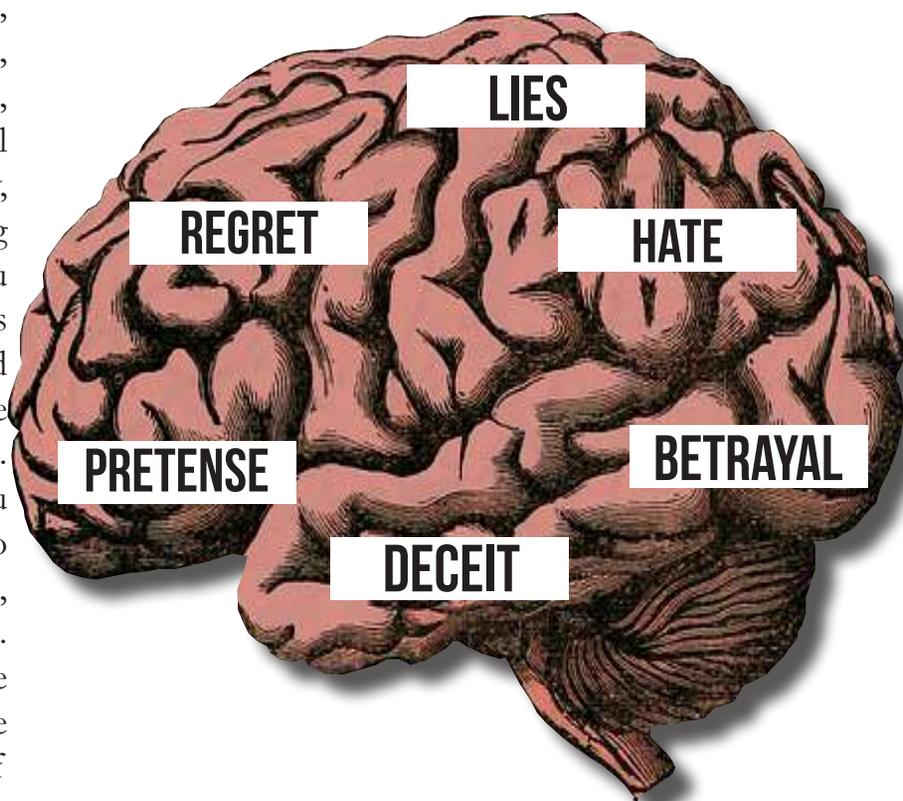
Be very careful about what you allow to come into your mind. Your thoughts are what drive you to act. Whatever you allow into your mind, sooner or later, will become a reality in your life. Be careful not to allow negative thoughts into your mind.

Such as; suicidal thoughts, lust, greed, envy, jealousy, hatred, doubts, sexual immorality, or anything else you know is wrong and can cause you harm. Maybe you think to yourself, hold up. Everyone has these types of thoughts.

What's the problem with it? The actual problem isn't the thought itself but entertaining that negative thought because I ask you, what is the point of holding onto thoughts of negativity?

What is the purpose of harboring things that will only bring you down? Do you get what I'm saying? These things will lead you to a negative life and a downward spiral, all because of your thoughts. When you allow negative thoughts to come into your mind, the next thing that happens is you end up feeding those negative thoughts without even realizing it.

From then on, those thoughts turn into reality in your life because you begin to act on them. Change your mind, and you'll change your life. Immediately and simultaneously, as soon as a negative thought comes to mind, rebuke it and do not allow it to stay. Remove that thought, so it has no room to sit in your mind. Only allow in your mind positive things that will be productive for you and that will do you good.



When you have thoughts of faith and the things of God, it will uplift you and bring you a blessed and prosperous life. By allowing positive thoughts in your mind, you can act on them and achieve the life God has in store for you.

AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD IS. ROMANS 12:2

UNIVERSAL BEYOND BARS (UBB) NATIONWIDE SCHEDULE

* Scheduling may vary depending on local changes

TEXAS

Monday's:

C.t. Terrell unit: 1pm & 4pm
Luther Unit: 10AM
Clements unit: 2:30pm
Clements 2 Unit: 1PM
Terrell Unit: 2PM

Tuesday's:

Ferguson unit: 8am & 5pm
Hobby Unit: 8AM
Lane Murray Unit:12:30PM
Goree Unit: 2PM
Jester Unit: 1PM
Jester 3 unit: 12:30pm
Kegan unit:1pm

Wednesday's:

Luther Unit: 11:00AM
Clements Unit: 3PM
Goree Unit- Every 1st and 4th Wed of the month @ 4PM.
Holiday unit: 8am

Thursday's:

Crain Unit: 5PM
Hilltop Unit:1PM
Sander's unit: 5pm & 6pm

Friday's:

Luther Unit:10AM
Darrington/Memorial Unit: 3PM

Saturday's:

Jester Unit, every 1st Saturday of the month @ 1PM.

* Note: Ferguson Unit, please speak to your Chaplain for the UBB course schedule.

FLORIDA

Tuesday's:

Metro West Detention Center: 10AM-2PM
Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center: 4PM-5PM
Tgk (female jail)- every 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 10am-12pm.

Saturday's:

Miami Dade County Pre-Trial Detention Center:10AM-11AM

CALIFORNIA

Tuesday's:

Avenal State Prison: 2PM- 4PM

HAWAII

Tuesday's:

Halawa Correctional Facility: 7PM

Wednesday's:

Halawa Correctional Facility- 7pm

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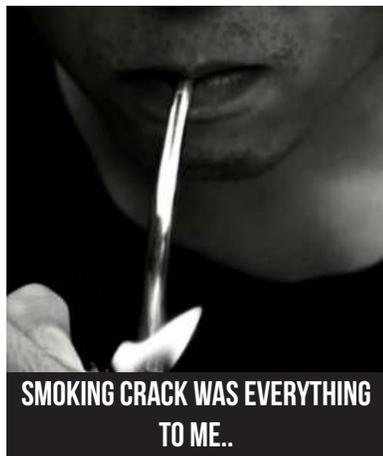
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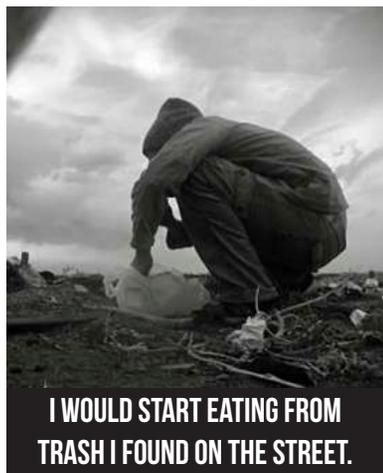


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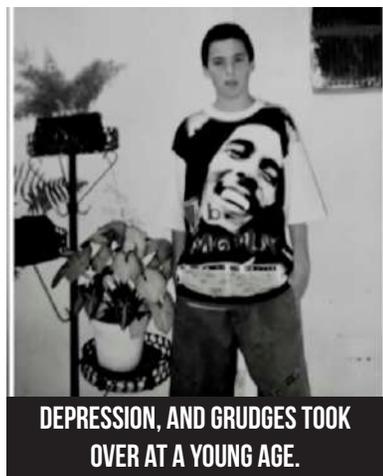
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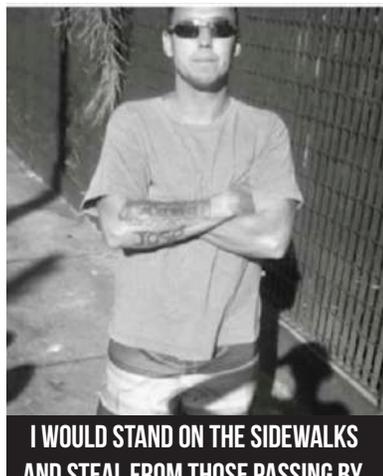
SMOKING CRACK WAS EVERYTHING TO ME..



I WOULD START EATING FROM TRASH I FOUND ON THE STREET.



DEPRESSION, AND GRUDGES TOOK OVER AT A YOUNG AGE.



I WOULD STAND ON THE SIDEWALKS AND STEAL FROM THOSE PASSING BY.

When I was eight years old, my mother told me I was adopted, and because of this, many bad things happened to me. I developed a grudge and hatred toward my biological mother, but this was the starting point of the problems in my life. I then experimented with marijuana at ten and sniffed glue. From 11-12, I started snorting cocaine, and at the age of 13, I hit rock bottom by getting involved with crack.

I got involved with a young gangster here in my town and got arrested for robbery, and I spent one year. First place upon my release, I went to a crack house, then I would rob people's trucks and cars that would stop at the stop light, and this increased from 15 000 to 20 000 packs of drugs. If I could calculate, I spent over \$500,00 on drugs. I smoked and sniffed and spent \$7000 on crack in one week. After all this, I got arrested and spent five years in prison.

I used to live by a gutter, spending hours in the sewer. One day while my mother was on the bus going to the Universal church, she told me she had seen me eating old food from the dumpster, which is how I lived my life. Everyone called me crazy; they said I would eventually die, or someone would kill me, and it is true because someone tried to kill me seven times. I would arrive home dirty, and my mother would open the door for me but never fight against me.

I would still steal from my mother. I even stole her faithfulness to God, which was her title, to go and buy drugs. To fulfill my own needs, smoking crack, and because of that, I became bothered within myself. I heard voices and saw shadows. They would tell me to kill myself, and I would say to God, take me out of this in my mind, still using drugs. One day I went completely crazy and stayed

like this for five days. I smoked more than 80 lines of cocaine and smoked more than 80 stones of crack. My eyesight was blurry. I got chills and felt strangled by someone. I tried to breathe and couldn't, and I started hearing voices and seeing shadows. It felt like many people were coming after me. Many voices told me I would die and that I was good for nothing. I was trash. I heard them telling me society calls me trash. I heard the voices louder to kill myself, and it felt like I was suffocating.

But I remembered God in my mind and told Him to give me an opportunity. I would sever Him. the door was opened, and a small ray of light entered my room; it was my mother, and the evil left, and I coughed, and after that, I could breathe properly. I looked at her and said, today, what you have asked God for will be fulfilled today is the day I will surrender my life to the Lord Jesus, I told her. Please ask the assistant to pick me up because I will get baptized today.



The same day I took everything terrible, the smoking pipes and the things I used for drugs and threw them inside the sewer. I went to the 7 PM service, and when the bishop preached, it felt as though he was only speaking to me. I never had anything; when I got baptized, God spoke to me. He told me I would go to every place I would go to use drugs to win souls for Him. after my baptism. I slept so wonderfully. I woke up early

that morning and went to church. That day I left all anger, grudges, and hatred at the altar. I told God that if You ask me to do this, I surrender it to you today to receive Your holy spirit.



After that, something powerful came over me. I never felt or heard anything. Still, I had this great conviction and assurance that God was with me. That very moment joy and peace took over me. It is unexplainable, but for the holy spirit to live in me is amazing. After 7 years of being with God and serving Him, one day, I was pulled over by the police; they saw my record and arrested me, but I was not arrested with handcuffs. I went into the police car without force, and while I was in prison, God allowed me to reach more than 80 inmates and served Him in these 11 months. We were able to bring the word of God to those there. Thank God many inmates have been released and are firm in their faith. I am a volunteer at the UBB, and I bring God's word to others. The flame in me to speak of the word of God is so powerful. I am so complete because of the spirit of God. What is inside of me guarantees my eternity, and I will never trade Him for anything or anyone. Today, I am so grateful to be used by God.



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for my son and me." Days later, Andreia got a job, and her life gradually transformed. "Then I was promoted and started to earn better. My emotional problems and suicidal thoughts all disappeared. Of course, after I gave my life to God, I had to trust. In addition, I was baptized in water and sought the Holy Spirit."

"Today, I own a coffee shop; I have a blessed family. All of this is nothing compared to what God has done inside me. We live from Faith to Faith, from sacrifice to sacrifice, and that is why I can say that we are happy and blessed", she concludes.

Two years ago, the life of businesswoman Andreia Moreira, 43 years old, came down to collecting sadness. The biggest one was living with daily bleeding that led to anemia. In addition to health problems, heartbreak, and financial difficulties made her think about taking her life and that of her son. "I was an unfortunate woman. I had gotten divorced and had to raise my son alone. Misery gained space in our lives. I got to the point of eating food from the neighbors because I didn't have money to go food shopping. When I got sick, I was desperate and just wanted to die. "The doctor found

that she had a hemorrhagic cyst the size of an orange. "He said the cyst was about to burst, and I needed an operation. However, in my case, the surgery would be high risk, and I could die during the operation. At that moment, I realized that I didn't want to die. I wanted to be happy, prosper, and get healed." She went to The Universal Church when a special purpose was happening. Andreia says she couldn't have chosen a better time. "I remember that the pastor seemed to know about my life in the preaching. I even thought: 'I can't believe my mother spoke to him.' He used to say, 'you, all of a sudden, are like the bleeding woman that came to Jesus to get healed; you need a cure...' I identified with everything he said."

Even without understanding it correctly, Andreia believed what she heard and gave herself on the Altar. "I started doing the treatment with the spiritual treatment water.

"The pains I always felt disappeared. Despite being a short time in the church, God healed me. He honored my Faith and my sincerity," she declares. When she returned home, Andreia still had to deal with the lack of money. "I stayed a few days without having anything to eat, but I trusted God would help me.

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